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May 12, 1989

Mr. Ken Kluksdahl  
Tenneco Minerals Company  
P.O. Box 2650  
St. George, Utah 84770

*Ken*  
Dear Mr. Kluksdahl:

Re: Fencing Leach Pads and Ditches, Goldstrike Mine, M/053/005, Washington County, Utah

The Division requests that Tenneco take measures to protect wildlife and livestock from cyanide poisoning at the heap leach sites. According to Scott Johnson of my staff, who visited your site on April 14, 1989, the leach pad area is accessible to animals. In particular, the solution ditches which are open to thirsty animals.

From the description and photos of the heap leach area provided by Mr. Johnson, it is apparent that animal accessibility will continue to be a problem through the life of the operations. State Wildlife regulations do not allow for the taking (causing of accidental or purposeful death) of animals such as those which you have recently found at your facility. Our own regulations require that you isolate all deleterious material to prevent environmental harm.

The resolution of this problem is to either erect a game fence around the facility, or construct some type of cover to keep animals from accessing the solution ditches/trenches.

Please inform the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining as soon as possible regarding the procedure you plan to implement in resolving this problem. Thank you for your attention to this concern.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton  
Associate Director, Mining

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cc: Minerals Staff  
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